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FIXED PHONES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have installed additional capacity for fixed line phones in all the States;

(b) if so, the States where such phones are available on demand;

(c) whether it is a fact that Telecom Department is unable to install phones on demand even where there is excess capacity; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that Telecom Department fully utilises the existing installed capacity in public interest?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are some Towns/Cities etc in each state where the telephone is available on demand, but this is not so for whole of the State.

(c) Yes, Sir. This situation occurs for technically non feasible areas where capacity is available but outdoor cable work is yet to be completed or is being augmented.

(d) The steps taken/proposed to be taken for full utilisation of the existing capacities are:-

i) New cable net work or the existing capacity of the exchanges is augmented.

ii) Wireless in local Loop is being deployed to provide connections in technicallynon-feasible areas and also in inaccessible and remote areas.